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# **Kosovo Legislation to Ensure Implementation of Regional Economic Development**

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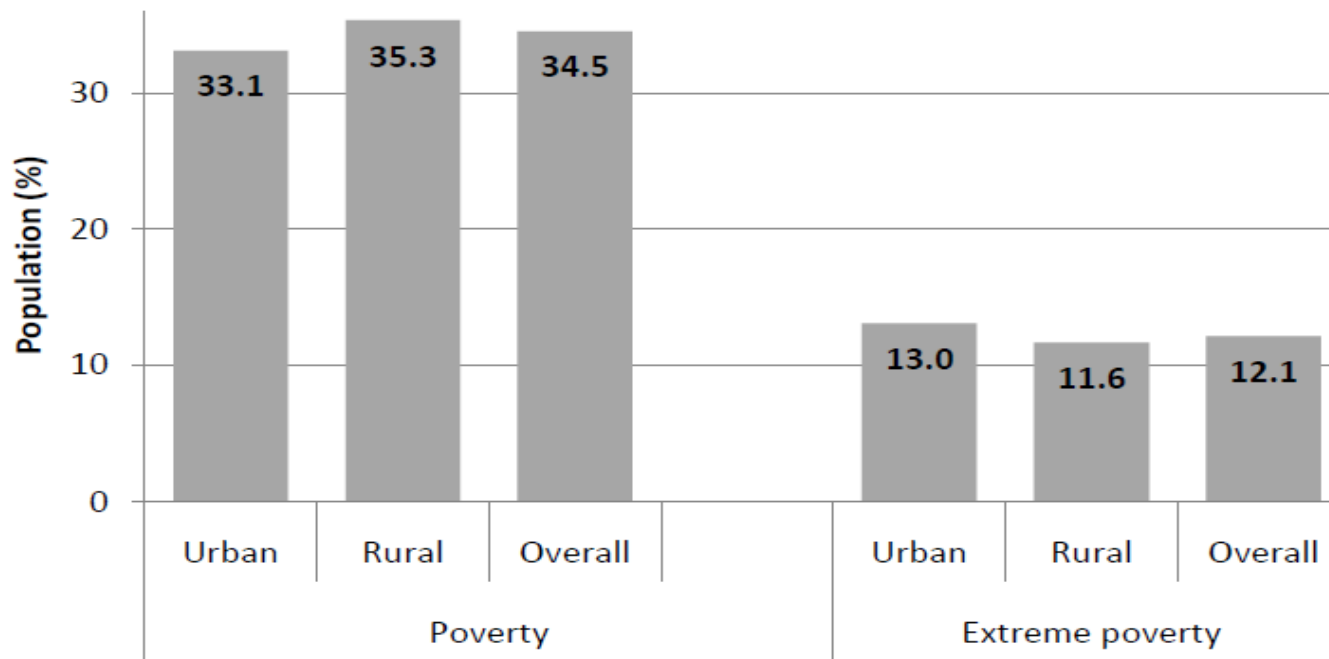
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## Presentation Outline

- Economic situation in Kosovo
- Regional Economic Development in Kosovo
- The role of EU office and Regional Development Agencies regarding RED
- Case studies about RED in Northern Europe
- Case studies about RED in South East Europe
- A proposed Law for Balanced Regional Development
- Recommendations

## Economic situation in Kosovo

- Percentage of the people living in poverty and extreme poverty line



Source: World Bank staff estimates based on 2009 HBS.

## Economic situation in Kosovo

- Distribution of the poor and extreme poor is more geographically concentrated

Area/Region	Distribution of the population	Distribution of the poor	Distribution of the extreme poor
Urban	49.8	35.6	39.8
Rural	50.3	64.4	60.2
Overall	100.0	100.0	100.0
Ferizaji	20.0	17.1	16.0
Gjakova	19.6	17.3	20.4
Gjilani	6.8	5.8	3.3
Mitrovica	15.3	16.8	21.4
Peja	14.0	11.1	11.0
Prishtina	10.6	15.9	18.7
Prizreni	13.8	16.0	9.1
Overall	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: World Bank staff estimates based on 2009 HBS.

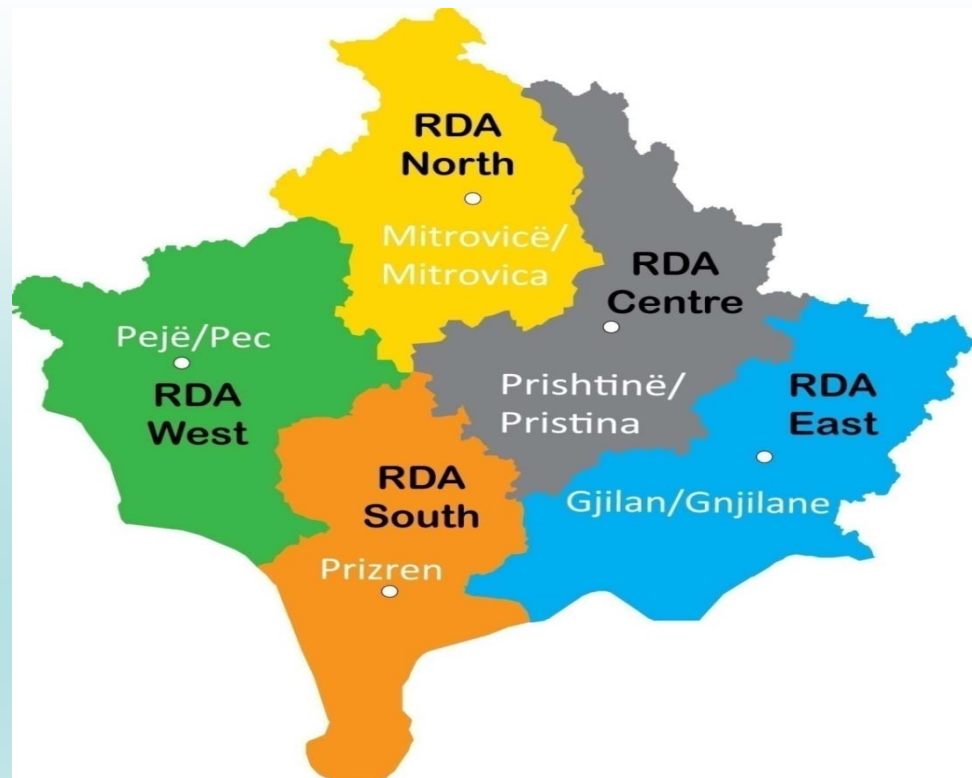
## Regional Economic Development in Kosovo

1. Current situation of RED in Kosovo
2. MLGA fund for RED in Kosovo

<b>MLGA fund for RED</b> € 900.000,00	Capital investments	Non capital investments
	85 %	15%

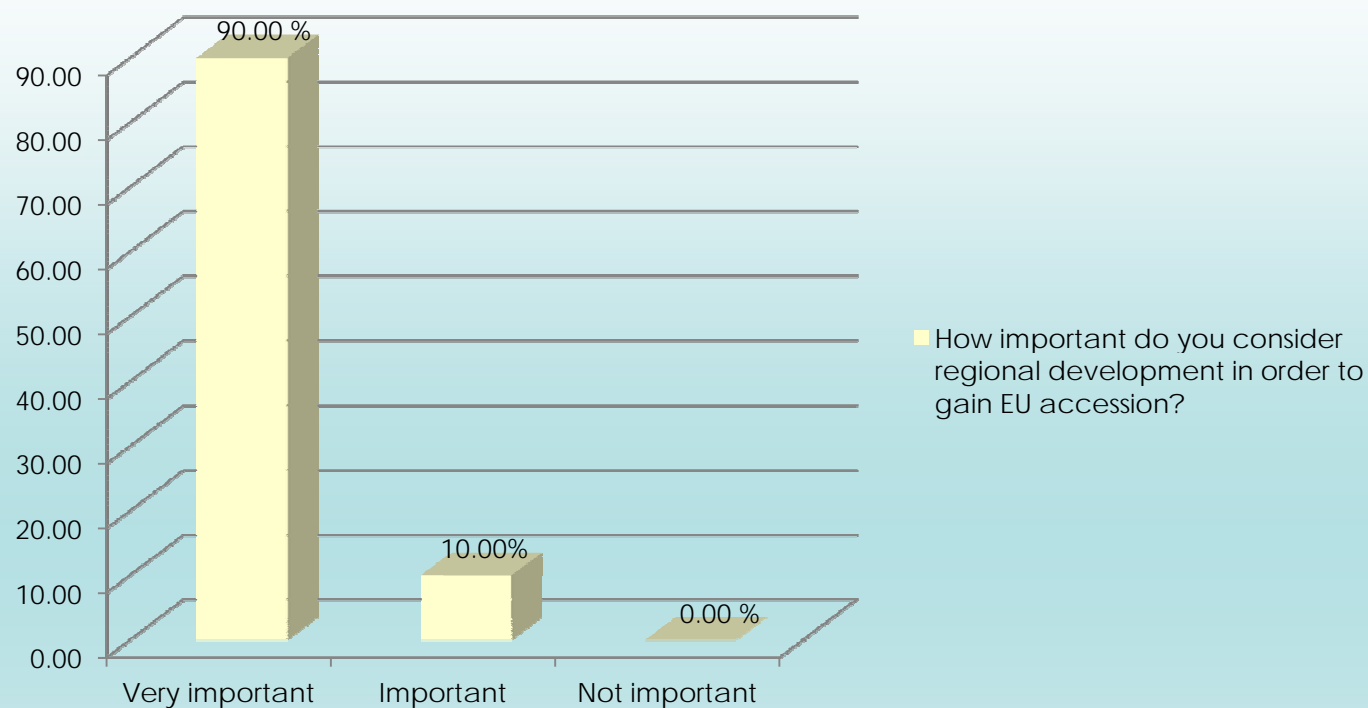
## The role of EU office and Regional Development Agencies regarding RED

- RDA Centre
- RDA West
- RDA East
- RDA North
- RDA South



# Regional Economic Development in Kosovo

The importance of Regional Development to gain EU accession



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## Implemented projects by MLGA in cooperation with municipalities during 2012

- GRAQANICË – LIPJAN-"Construction of road Dobratin- Sllovijë"



## Implemented projects by MLGA in cooperation with municipalities during 2012

- Creating of conditions for development of tourism and environmental protection through building of the picnic places in municipalities: Prizren, Dragash and Mamusha



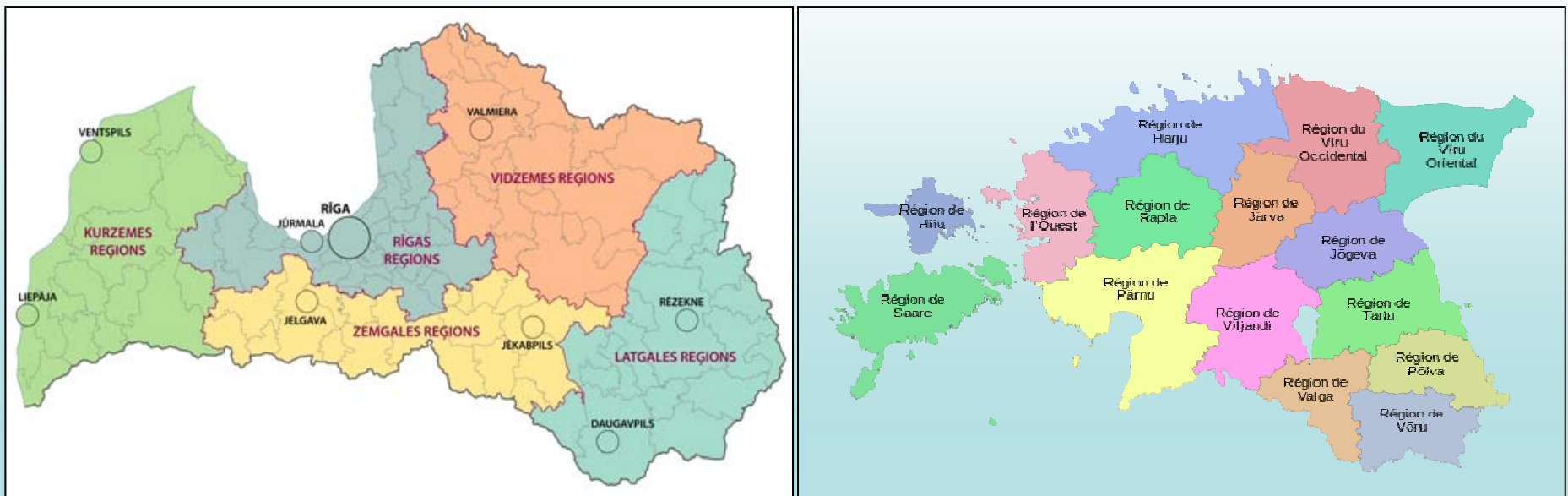
## Implemented projects by MLGA in cooperation with municipalities during 2012

- SHTËRPCE – FERIZAJ “Electronic installation in the parking of the sports center in Shterpce



## Case studies about RED in Northern Europe

- Case studies Latvia and Estonia



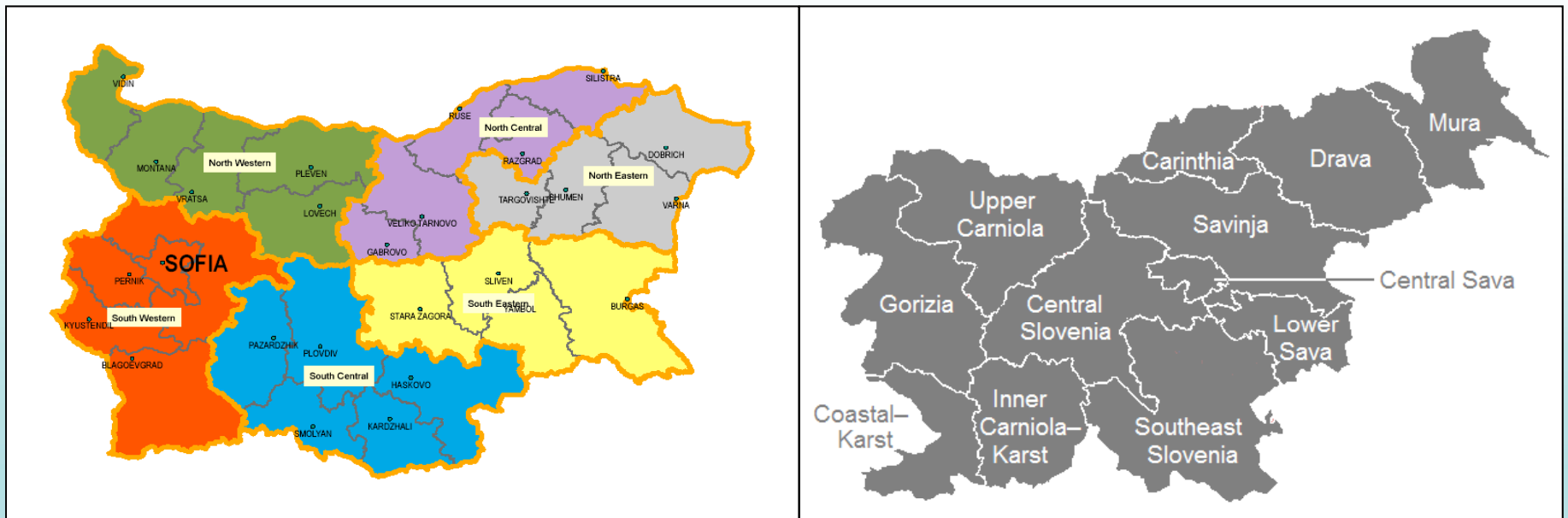
# Case studies about Regional Economic Development in South East Europe

- Case studies Macedonia and Montenegro



# Case studies about Regional Economic Development in South East Europe

- Case Studies Bulgaria and Slovenia



## A proposed Law for Balanced Regional Development

Why Kosovo should draft the legislation for RED ?

A proposed LAW for balanced regional development consist 16 articles:

- Purpose of law;
- Content the definitions;
- Goals of the policy;
- Basic Principles of Regional Development;
- Planning regions;
- Areas with specific development needs;
- Planning Documents;
- Strategy for Regional Development
- The Strategy defines:

## A proposed Law for Balanced Regional Development

- Stakeholders for stimulation of balanced regional development:
- Council for balanced regional development of the Republic of Kosovo;
- Ministry of Local Self-Government;
- Regional development sources of financing;
- Allocation of funds for stimulation of balanced regional development;
- Monitoring the implementation of regional development planning documents and projects;
- Supervision of implementation of the law.

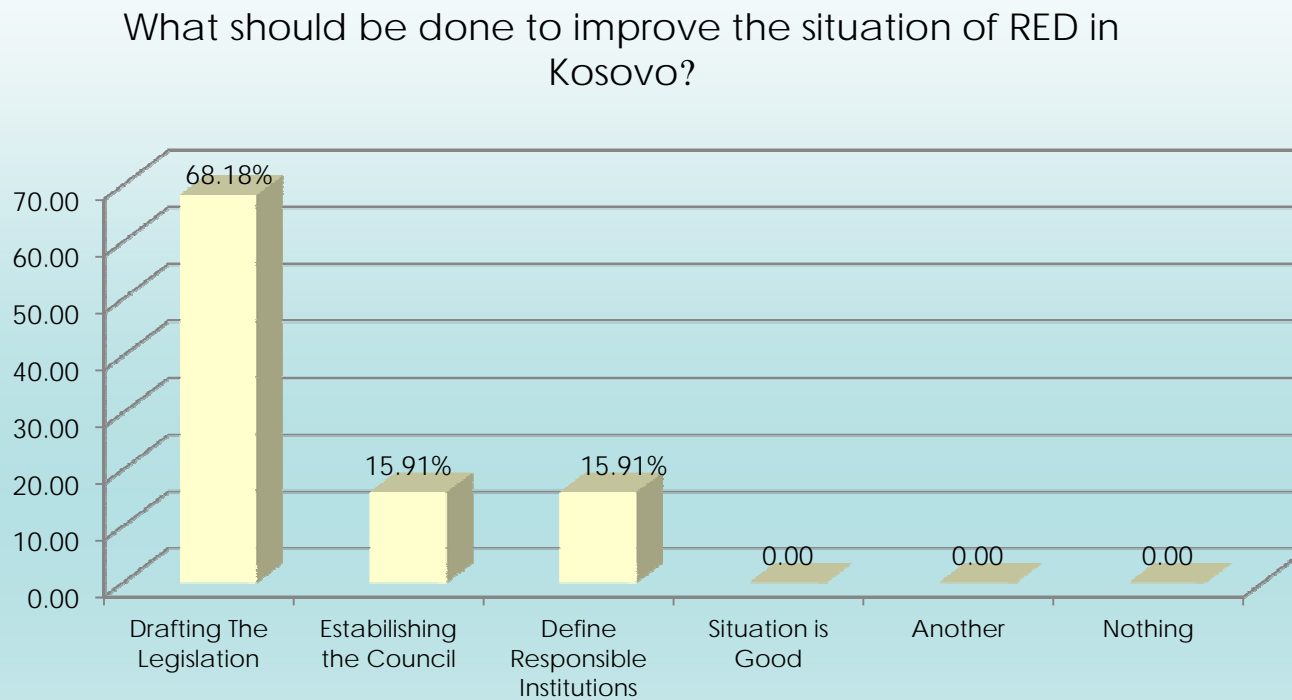


## Recommendations

1. Drafting the Law for Balanced Regional Development
2. Drafting the national strategy for Regional Economic Development
3. Establishing a council which will be responsible for implementing this process
4. Responsible institution for monitoring this process
5. Drafting the guide for regional economic development
6. Organizing the conference for regional economic development

## First Recommendation

### 1. Drafting the Law for Balanced Regional Development



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## Second Recommendation

### 2. Drafting the national strategy for Regional Economic Development

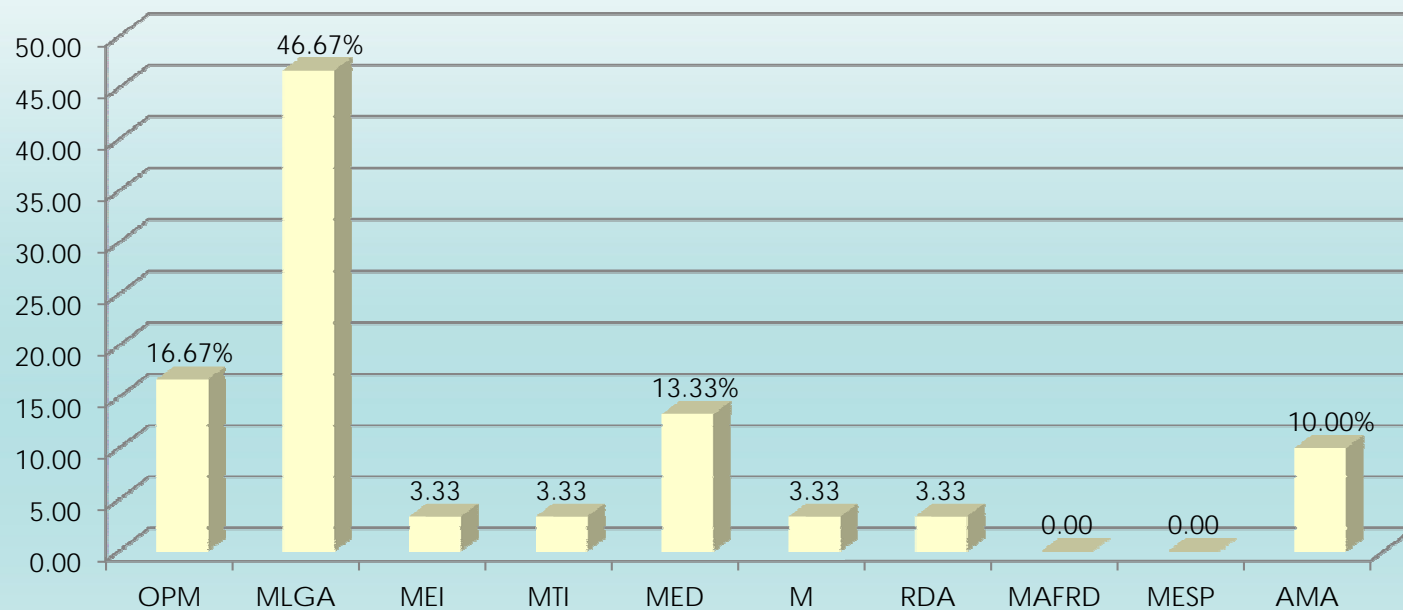
The national strategy for regional development should content: The comparative analysis of the economic development of the planning region

- Strategy will define the region with specific development needs.

## Third Recommendation

### 3. Responsible institution for monitoring this process

Which of the following institution should be responsible to coordinate this process?



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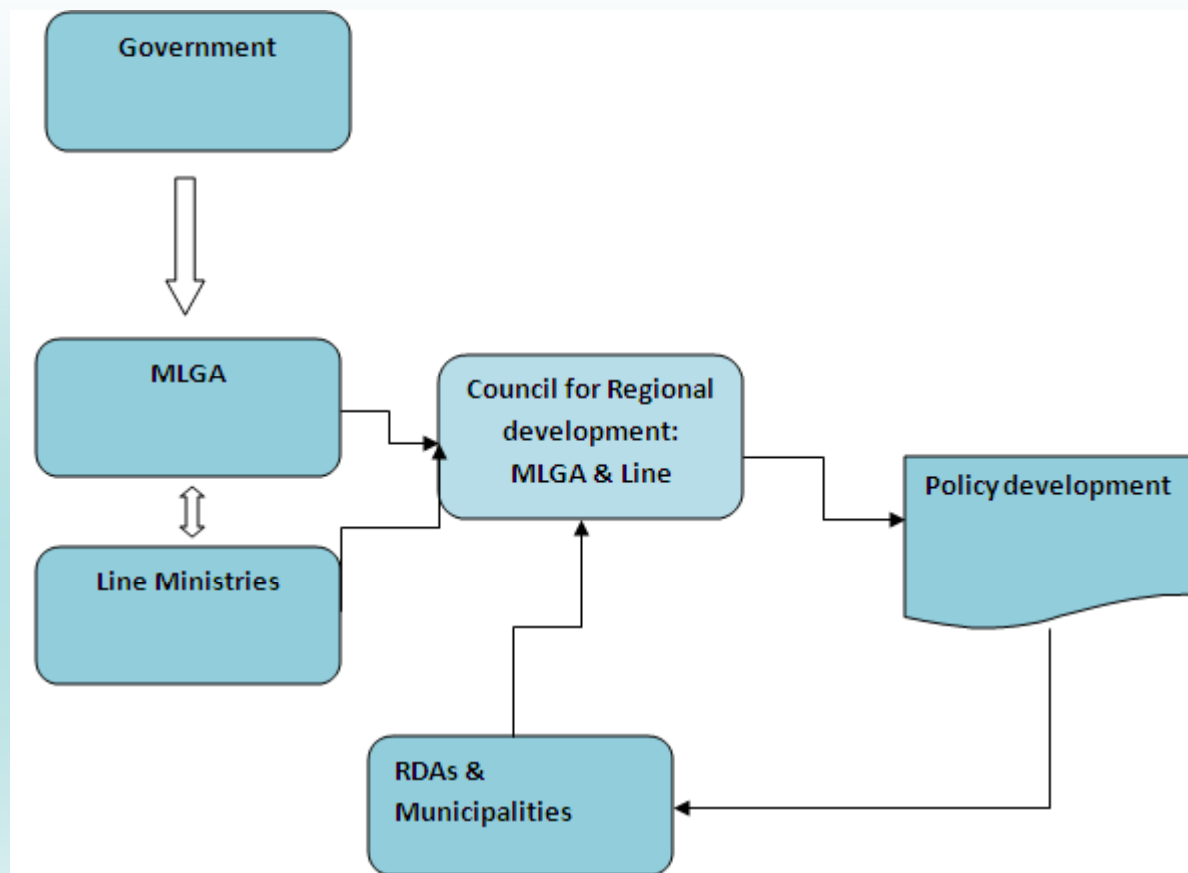
## Fourth Recommendation

### 4. Establishing a council which will be responsible for implementing the RED

<b>Does this process need a council?</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>b</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>10%</b>

## The proposal chart of the responsible institution for RED

### Implementation of the project



Thank you for your attention!

**Questions**